When the Dewan had resumed his seat after the reading of the Address and extracts from the Malayalam Address had been read by the Huzur Dewan Peishcar,

Mr. E. Ramier of Shencotta, Landholder and Member of the Legislative Council rose and said:—"Sir, On behalf of the people as whose representatives we are summoned to-day, I beg to tender our most heart-felt and grateful thanks to His Highness the Maharajah for the very high privilege which His Highness has been graciously pleased to confer on his loyal subjects by the formation of this Assembly. His Highness' guiding principle has always been one of active sympathy with His subjects, and continued solicitude for their welfare. We cannot be too grateful for this privilege, and it shall always be our endeavour to deserve the generous confidence placed in us by our benign Sovereign. The various measures of improvements sketched in your Address bear additional testimony to the earnestness of purpose with which you, Sir, have entered upon your responsible duties as the trusted minister of His Highness and we take this opportunity to thank you for the sympathy you have always evinced with the people in their wants and aspirations".

Mr. Samy Iyengar, Landholder and Merchant of Trivandrum said:—"Allow me, Sir, to thank you heartily for the honour you have done us. The welding together of different castes. creeds and races into a united fraternity with a view to give them an opportunity of expressing direct to Government their wants and wishes and representing their views regarding the administrative measures adopted by Government from time to time, is a phenomenon unknown to our country. It is another proof of His Highness' earnest solicitude for the welfare of the people. Of the several measures of reform wrought by you, Sir, nothing is more entitled to our gratitude than this. It has furnished a common centre for the diverse elements of the population to cluster around and to blend together in hearty fellowship, laying aside all racial and social prejudices. I earnestly trust and hope that the members of this Assembly will fully realize and faithfully fulfil their mission."

Mr. H. M. Knight of the Central Travancore Planters' Association, said:—"On behalf of the non-official Europeans who represent the Commercial and Planting interests of the State, who have been honoured with invitation to this Assembly, I beg to tender our appreciation of this new departure in the Legislature of Travancore, and thank you, Sir, for the honour and consideration extended to us. I congratulate you, Sir, on your inception of this Popular Assembly and our thanks are due to His Highness the Maharajah for approving and permitting its accomplishment. Your Address has been listened to with satisfaction and attention and all connected with Travancore have a right to be proud of the progress made in the State."

Mr. C. J. Curien, Landholder of Kottayam and Proprietor of the "Western Star" on behalf of the ryot population of North Travancore, after expressing his thanks to His Highness the Maharajah and the Dewan for the institution of the Assembly, said:—"The passing of the recent proceedings of the Government reorganising the Revenue Settlement Department and providing for an early completion of settlement operations, the abolition of the system of realising *Vilayartham* on viruthi lands, and arrears of tax on puduval lands—all combined have created in the minds of the people a deep-rooted impression that His Highness the Maharajah is now supported by a phalanx of learned and able officials, chief among whom, permit me, Sir, to single out your worthy self, and to offer you our humble but hearty thanks for the interest you have taken in the inauguration of this grand institution."

Mr. Kumaramangalathu Nilakandan Nambooripad, a Janmi Landholder of Changanacherry representing the Malayali Brahmins, spoke in Malayalam and thanked His Highness and the Dewan for instituting the Assembly.

Mr. Madhavan Tampi of Trivandrum, Landholder and Member of the Trivandrum Municipality, after expressing his gratitude to the Maharajah and the Dewan for the boon conferred upon the people of Travancore, said that the Members could not shew their gratitude better than by proving themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them by the Government.

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Mr. P. M. Chakko, B. A., Member of the Kottayam Municipality said:—"On behalf of the Christian population, I would say we are deeply grateful to His Highness the Maharajah for forming this Popular Assembly. It is indeed a matter for great thankfulness that His Highness' solicitude for the welfare of his subjects has been manifested in thus bringing together delegates of the people from all parts of the State to represent direct to Government their wants and wishes. All classes of His Highness' subjects alike rejoice and look forward with great hopes on this institution and they are thankful for this great privilege which very few in India enjoy; and we request you kindly to convey our heartfelt feelings of loyalty and gratitude to His Highness."

Vadakkumkoor Chittiranal Tampuran of Vaikam representing the Rajas of Vadakumkur, expressed his grateful thanks in a speech in Malayalam, and *Mr. Mathavan Marayakutty Pillai*, Landholder of, Agasteeswaram in a speech in Tamil.

The Very Rev: Eipe Thoma Cathenar, of Thiruvella, Vicar-General of the Mar Thoma Syrian Christians, in a Malayalam speech said that the members were truly grateful for the institution of this Assembly. He observed that though the members were selected from different castes and creeds and though they were separated from one another by the inequalities of wealth, social status and education, yet they were all one when they met in this Assembly to make their representations to the Government. He also exhorted the members in the course of an impressive speech to so conduct themselves that the Government, who had in their solicitude for the welfare of their subjects spontaneously conferred this boon on the people, may not have cause to regret their action. He prayed that the members may have strength and guidance to faithfully and loyally discharge their onerous duties and at the same time uphold the prestige and authority of the Government.

The Dewan thanked the Members for their expressions of good will, and said that it would give him great pleasure to convey their sentiments of loyalty to His Highness. The meeting was then adjourned to Monday the 24th October. The day's proceedings closed with hearty cheers for His Highness the Maharajah and the Dewan.

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